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Claude BARLIER, ET AL. : Group Art Unit 2123
Application No. 10/530,504 : Examiner: Carlos Ortiz-Rodriguez
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For a Patent for a :
MECHANICAL COMPONENT HAVING :
AT LEAST ONE FLUID TRANSPORT :
CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR :
DESIGNING SAME IN STRATA : January 7, 2010

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on August 22, 2005, advised the U.S. Patent Office of later filed International Application No. PCT/FR2003/000367, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/544,823.

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A further Office Action has issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/544,823, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

U.S. Patents

6,756,309 (Chen et al.) - Issued: June 29, 2004

6,728,591 (Hussey, Jr. et al.) - Issued: April 27, 2004

6,021,358 (Sachs) - Issued: February 1, 2000

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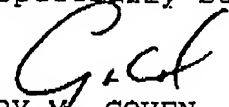
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